



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

MEDIA ADVISORY

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SENT: March 27, 2009

What: Operation Safe Crossing
When: Saturday, March 28, 2009, 10 p.m.
Where: San Ysidro Border Crossing
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Operation Safe Crossing is a multi-agency alliance that seeks to prevent youth from going into Mexico to participate in underage drinking. By law, juveniles are not allowed to cross the border into Mexico without a parent or a legal guardian. A parent, or legal guardian, may provide written authorization (notarized letter) for their child to enter Mexico alone. The minor must be in possession of the letter to travel across the border. Curfew restrictions will be enforced.

Those individuals who are intoxicated when they are attempting to return to the U.S. will be arrested.

Representatives from law enforcement, community groups and youth will be available for interviews in English and Spanish on Saturday

Media are invited to cover this event but keep in mind that the faces of juveniles detained or arrested cannot be broadcast on television or on internet news sites.

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